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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States general imports from $1,375.3 million in March to $1,257.4 million in April was largely the result of declines in imports from the following areas: Western Europe, from $429.9 to $373.0 million; Canada, from $255.9 to $225.3 million; Latin American Republics, from $336.7 to $306.4 million and dependencies of Western Europe Europe, from $83.7 to $80.8 million. Imports from "all other countries" increased slightly from $269.1 to $271.8 million.

The Bureau stated that general imports from O.E.E.C. countries dropped from $420.0 to $363.3 million and those from sterling area countries from $241.1 to $221.0 million. Decreases were reported in imports from all continents except Asia and Australia and Oceania.

Imports from Europe fell from $435.1 million in March to $381.6 million in April as substantial decreases occurred in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: United Kingdom, from $107.8 to $88.5 million; West Germany, from $90.6 to $77.4 million; France, from $46.8 to $38.0 million; and Belgium and Luxembourg, from $39.5 to $31.2 million. The decline in imports from North America from $414.7 to $365.8 million was due primarily to the decrease in imports from Canada, as noted above, and to lesser decreases in imports from Mexico, from $45.4 to $38.8 million; El Salvador, from $5.1 to $1.5 million; and Cuba, from $51.6 to $48.2 million. The bulk of the decrease in imports from Africa from $58.4 to $45.5 million resulted from declines in imports from the Union of South Africa, from $12.6 to $8.5 million and the Belgian Congo, from $7.1 to $4.1 million. Less noticeable decreases were reported in imports from most of the other countries of this continent. Imports from South America fell from $213.0 to $200.4 million owing chiefly to declines in imports from Colombia, from $26.4 to $18.8 million; Chile, from $19.8 to $17.0 million; and Argentina, from $11.5 to $9.3 million.

During the period, imports from Asia rose from $231.1 to $239.1 million. Reflected in this change were small, scattered increases in imports from many of the individual countries of this continent. The more noticeable of these were Iran (Persia), from $3.7 to $7.5 million; and Kuwait, from $9.2 to $11.9 million. Imports from Australia and Oceania increased slightly from $23.1 to $24.9 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in an number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consilidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than $50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the "Explanation of the Sampling Procedure for Estimating Low Valued Imports" in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: APRIL 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country[1]	April 1960	March 1960	April 1959	Monthly average 1959
Total trade	1,257.4	1,375.3	1,220.5	1,267.7
Western Europe	373.0	429.9	368.6	376.9
Dependencies of Western Europe	80.8	83.7	75.5	83.3
Canada	225.3	255.9	235.7	253.4
Latin American Republics	306.4	336.7	286.5	301.2
All other countries	271.8	269.1	254.3	252.8
O.E.E.C. countries	363.3	420.0	357.1	363.3
Sterling area countries	221.0	241.1	229.7	223.8
North America	365.8	414.7	375.5	386.3
Greenland[d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	225.3	255.9	235.7	253.4
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands[d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Mexico[a]	38.8	45.4	42.6	36.4
Guatemala[a]	4.4	6.0	4.5	5.4
British Honduras[b,d]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
El Salvador[a]	1.5	5.1	2.9	3.1
Honduras[a]	2.7	3.3	3.1	2.1
Nicaragua[a]	1.8	4.3	1.0	1.3
Costa Rica[a]	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.7
Republic of Panama[a]	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.1
Canal Zone	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1
Bermuda[b,d]	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas[b,d]	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.0
Cuba[a]	48.2	51.6	50.1	39.5
Jamaica[b,d]	4.3	4.1	3.4	3.9
Haiti[a]	1.6	1.1	0.8	1.4
Dominican Republic[a]	5.4	5.1	4.9	6.3
Leeward and Windward Islands[b,d]	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Barbados[b,d]	0.3	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago[b,d]	4.4	4.0	1.0	3.7
Netherlands Antilles[d]	21.1	21.9	19.0	23.3
French West Indies[d]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
South America	200.4	213.0	173.8	203.8
Colombia[a]	18.8	26.4	22.7	28.3
Venezuela[a]	84.2	84.6	61.6	74.2
British Guiana[b,d]	0.3	1.1	0.3	0.4
Surinam[d]	2.8	2.0	1.6	2.3
French Guiana[d]	...	(*)	(*)	0.1
Ecuador[a]	4.5	4.7	3.9	5.0
Peru[a]	12.9	13.4	5.7	9.9
Bolivia[a]	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.6
Chile[a]	17.0	19.8	15.6	17.7
Brazil[a]	47.4	44.9	48.9	52.4
Paraguay[a]	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.7
Uruguay[a]	2.4	3.0	1.9	1.5
Argentina[a]	9.3	11.5	10.9	10.5
Falkland Islands[b,d]	...	...	...	...
Europe	381.6	435.1	375.5	384.0
Iceland[b,c,e]	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0
Sweden[c,e]	15.5	14.6	16.2	15.4
Norway[c,e]	5.1	7.4	6.9	8.3
Denmark[c,e]	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: APRIL 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country[1]	April 1960	March 1960	April 1959	Monthly average 1959
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom[b,c,e]	88.5	107.8	95.7	94.8
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,e]	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.2
Netherlands[c,e]	19.7	17.0	18.3	18.1
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,e]	31.2	39.5	34.3	34.7
France[c,e]	38.0	46.8	33.7	38.5
West Germany[c,e]	77.4	90.6	75.1	76.5
East Germany	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Austria[c,e]	4.3	4.9	4.9	4.7
Czechoslovakia	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.0
Hungary	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Switzerland[c,e]	15.4	16.5	16.1	16.3
Finland[c]	5.5	4.3	4.8	4.1
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	(*)	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	...
Poland and Danzig	4.7	1.9	3.5	2.7
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	2.2	1.9	1.5	2.4
Azores[d]	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain[c,e]	9.0	8.7	4.5	6.5
Portugal[c,e]	2.9	3.7	2.2	2.2
Gibraltar[b,d]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus[b,d]	(*)	(*)	0.2	0.2
Italy[c,e]	36.3	40.0	29.2	32.3
Free Territory of Trieste[c,e]	...	(*)	...	(*)
Yugoslavia[c]	4.2	5.5	2.2	3.1
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece[c,e]	2.8	5.4	3.6	2.8
Rumania	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Turkey[c,e]	6.0	5.7	9.1	6.9
Asia	239.1	231.1	204.0	216.3
United Arab Republic (Syria Region)	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.8
Lebanon	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.9
Iran (Persia)	7.5	3.7	4.8	4.2
Israel	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.3
Palestine	...	...	(*)	(*)
Jordan[b]	...	(*)	...	(*)
Kuwait[b,d]	11.9	9.2	11.5	13.2
Saudi Arabia	2.5	2.6	2.7	4.2
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.2
Aden[b,d]	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein[b,d]	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1
Afghanistan	1.8	1.8	1.0	1.4
India[b]	18.7	19.8	20.0	17.3
Pakistan[b]	3.0	3.6	3.0	2.9
Nepal	(*)	...	...	(*)
Ceylon[b]	3.9	3.8	3.3	2.9
Burma[b]	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Thailand (Siam)	5.7	6.4	5.0	7.5
Viet-Nam	0.1	0.7	1.3	0.9
Laos	...	...	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.6	1.1	0.8	1.1
Federation of Malaya[b]	15.8	15.5	13.0	13.3
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo[b,d]	2.0	1.1	1.6	2.4
Republic of Indonesia	16.4	14.5	15.9	15.9
Republic of the Philippines	26.5	27.0	25.8	26.0
Macao (Macau)[d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.[d]	0.1	(*)	...	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.6

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Continent and country[1]	April 1960	March 1960	April 1959	Monthly average 1959
Asia—Continued				
North Korea	...	(*)	...	(*)
Republic of Korea	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3
Hong Kong[b,d]	13.5	12.9	6.6	8.3
Taiwan (Formosa)	1.6	1.2	0.8	1.2
Japan	100.2	98.8	79.4	85.7
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c	0.3	0.1	(*)	0.1
Australia and Oceania	24.9	23.1	34.8	28.1
Australia[b]	14.7	11.1	19.8	16.4
New Guinea[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
New Zealand[b]	10.1	11.7	14.5	11.3
British Western Pacific Islands[b,d]	(*)	0.2	(*)	0.1
French Pacific Islands[d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	(*)	(*)	0.5	0.2
Africa	45.5	58.4	57.0	49.2
Morocco	0.3	0.4	1.2	0.9
Algeria[d]	0.4	(*)	0.1	0.1
Tunisia	(*)	(*)	0.5	0.2
Libya[b]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region)	3.4	5.0	1.1	1.4
Sudan	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.5
Canary Islands[d]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.[d]	0.3	...	(*)	(*)
Cameroun	0.9	1.1	1.1	0.8
French Equatorial Africa[d]	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
French West Africa and Republic of Togo[d]	1.0	2.9	2.5	2.1
Ghana[b]	6.3	5.5	6.0	5.3
Nigeria[b,d]	3.7	4.0	2.7	2.7
British West Africa, n.e.c.[b,d]	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Madeira Islands[d]	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Angola[d]	1.6	2.3	4.0	2.6
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.[d]	...	(*)	0.2	0.2
Liberia	2.7	3.5	3.0	3.5
Belgian Congo[d]	4.1	7.1	8.5	8.9
Somaliland	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	3.9	3.6	3.9	1.3
French Somaliland[d]	0.1	(*)	0.1	(*)
British Somaliland[b,d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies[b,d]	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b,d]	...	...	(*)	(*)
British East Africa[b,d]	4.5	4.7	5.5	3.4
Mozambique[d]	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3
Madagascar (Malgache Republic)[d]	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.0
Union of South Africa[b]	8.5	12.6	10.4	9.9
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	0.5	1.5	2.7	3.1

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]Dependencies of Western Europe. [e]O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics.